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**State Implements Plan to Comply with State v. Bowden Ruling, Calculates  
Inmate Release Dates**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that the Department of Correction is putting in place a plan to comply with the decisions of the appellate courts in the State v. Bowden case. The Department has calculated unconditional release dates for the affected inmates. According to these calculations, the earliest unconditional release date is scheduled for 2054.

“I will continue to pursue all legal means of preventing the release of these inmates without any review by the parole board or any post-release supervision,” said Gov. Perdue. “I have asked Sec. Keller to review all records to ensure that the inmates are not awarded any credits for which they are not eligible.”

Pursuant to the court decision, DOC has calculated unconditional release dates for those prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment for crimes committed between April 8, 1974 and June 30, 1978. For this group of offenders, records had previously shown release dates of “LIFE,”